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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

Tu-Hung Kao

Serial No. 09/590,613

Filed: June 8, 2000

For: Method of Generating A Compact Text-To-Phone Dictionary  
Art Unit: 2654

Examiner: Angela A. Armstrong

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the Office action dated December 12, 2002 please amend the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.116 as follows:

In the claims:

1. (amended) A pronunciation dictionary comprising:

alphabetized text and corresponding phones;

overlapping characters with previous entry that are prefix delta encoded; and

a rule set to convert text to phones for text not in the dictionary and fit the rule set.

2. (amended) The pronunciation dictionary of claim 1, including an error encoded set for those entries different from the rule set wherein the entry only contains the difference with the rule set predictions

10 (amended) A method of making a pronunciation dictionary comprising the steps of;

alphabetizing text and corresponding phones;

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